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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO USMISSION GENEVA

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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SUBJECT: FLIGHT OF US REGISTERED AIRCRAFT INTO ANGOLA

1. SATURN AIRWAYS, A US OWNED AND BASED CORPORATION,
INFORM THE DEPARTMENT ON DECEMBER 31 THAT THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) HAS CHARTERED A L-1000
(THIS IS CIVILIAN VERSION OF MILITARY C-130) TO FLY 42,500
POUNDS OF RED CROSS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES INTO NOVA LISBOA
(HUAMBO). THE AIRCRAFT IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN KINSHASA
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ON JANUARY 1 AT 11:10 ZULU AND TO DEPART KINSHASA

JANUARY 2 AT 03:00 ZULU FOR NOVA LISBOA. REGISTRATION
NUMBER OF THE AIRCRAFT IS 17ST AND IT IS PILOTED BY
CAPTAIN HAIR.

2. SATURN AIRWAYS HAS INSTRUCTED THE CREW TO CHECK IN WITH
EMBASSY KINSHASA BEFORE PROCEEDING ON INTO ANGOLA. THE CREW
IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OF POSSIBLE DANGERS OF FLYING
IN ANGOLAN AIRSPACE. ACCORDING TO SATURN THE ICRC HAS
ARRANGED ALL FLIGHT CLEARANCES, INCLUDING STOPOVER IN MALTA,
LIBYA AND LAGOS ENROUTE TO KINSHASA. SATURN BELIEVES AIR
CLEARANCE HAS BEEN OBTAINED FOR ANGOLA.

3. DEPARTMENT ADVISED SATURN OF POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF MIG
AIRCRAFT OPERATING ON BEHALF OF THE MPLA FROM LUANDA.

WHILE WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO US AIRCRAFT ENTERING ANGOLA
ON A MERCY MISSION SUCH AS THIS, WE HAVE NO WAY OF VERIFY-
ING WHETHER INDEED THE MPLA HAS ARRANGED CLEARANCE FOR THE
AIRCRAFT AND BELIEVE IT WISE FOR AIRCRAFT TO REMAIN IN
KINSHASA UNTIL ICRC POSITIVELY CONFIRMS CLEARANCE FOR
FLIGHT FROM MPLA.

4. SATURN WILL LEAVE FINAL DECISION ON ENTERING ANGOLAN
AIRSPACE TO THE CAPTAIN.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: INSURE CAPTAIN IS AWARE OF POSSIBLE
PRESENCE OF MIGS. ADVISE HIM OF OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT
HE NOT GO INTO ANGOLA UNTIL EITHER HIS HQ OR THE ICRC
POSITIVELY CONFIRMS THAT THE ICRC HAS OBTAINED PERMISSION
FROM THE MPLA FOR THE FLIGHT TO OVERFLY AREAS THEY CON-
TROL. ADVISE THE CAPTAIN THAT THE USG IS IN NO WAY
INVOLVED IN OBTAINING THE CLEARANCE. ROBINSON

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